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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Press Report on Recall of Soviet Ships from US Ports

1. On 29 February 1948, the San Francisco Examiner published a story to the effect that the USSR had ordered all ships in or enroute to US ports to return home immediately. The report quoted a Soviet representative to the effect that no more Soviet vessels were scheduled to call at the port of Los Angeles within the foreseeable future.

2. On the basis of available evidence, it does not appear that special significance should be attached to the foregoing press dispatch. Apparently the press story is based on a somewhat exaggerated interpretation of Soviet action following the recent restrictions placed on exports to the USSR by the US Government. Apparently as a result of these restrictions, Soviet consular offices in Los Angeles have been closed and the AMTORG (Soviet Trading Corporation in the US) operations in Los Angeles have been terminated.

3. There are no Soviet vessels presently in US West Coast ports.

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